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Trinity Sunday + 7 June 2020

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Botswana, Zimbabwe*

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Opening Words

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
whose forgiveness sets us free,
the love of God,
who compels us to reach beyond ourselves,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
who gathers us into community,
be with you,
and also with you.

We worship the Blessed Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

Holy, holy, holy

Reginald Heber

John B. Dykes: England

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee, though the eyes of
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
hu - man - kind your glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

mer - ci - ful and might - y. God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
fall - ing down be - fore thee, which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
there is none be - side thee, per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
Mer - ci - ful and might - y God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Call to Prayer

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Prayer

Let us pray:

God of love and peace,

God of justice and fire,

when the order put in place disorders your grace with bullets and bullies,

hear those who shout, "I can't breathe."

When the 'holy kiss' becomes a partisan sign of reckless disregard rather than an expression of love,

favor those who choke out, "I can't breathe."

In the midst of corporate control and the conspiracy of lies,

we plead, "I can't breathe."

As a virus raids a slum and insidiously tracks a migrant camp,

have mercy on the caught who cough and struggle, "I can't breathe."

As the cars return and the airlines receive huge government subsidies,

listen to the earth gasping, "I can't breathe."

The waters rise, God of sea and sky, but dominions do not rest from their wrecking power.

Heed the world as it cries, "I can't breathe."

When we continue to inhale and exhale

as if the suffocation did not matter,

as if our breathing were somehow separate from the struggles of others for air,

align our lives with our prayer.

Forgive us all that does not honor your love,

all that does not live gratefully from the gift of your grace,

all that restricts the communion that your Spirit extends far and wide.

Alongside all those who can't breathe,

we seek the fresh wind over the chaos of our lives, setting us free,

setting all your people free

to breathe,

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie

Nkosi, Nkosi

G. M. Kolisi: South Africa

♩ = 72

Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of ♩ = 72. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Christ have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In 'ne-nce-ba' the middle syllable, 'nce,' is pronounced by making a 'tsch' sound that a mother uses to reprimand a child, with the addition of a nasalized beginning.

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Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Uyaimose

4 beats per measure

Alexander Gondo: Shona, Zimbabwe

U - ya - i - mo - se ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, U - ya - i - mo - se ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High; come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;

U - ya - i - mo - se ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.
come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High; come now and wor - ship the Lord.

The basic beat is 4 to the measure while the voices sing 6 to the measure. This makes for a 3 against 2 feel.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . .

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Response

Reamo leboga

As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Response

Reamo leboga

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Musical score for 'Reamo leboga' in 12/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff with lyrics: Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na. We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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Psalm 8:1

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Response

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And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Response

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Psalm 8:2-4

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
What are human beings, mortals that you care for them?

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Response

Reamo leboga

As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Response

Reamo leboga

As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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Psalm 8:5-8

Yet you have made [mortals] a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Response

Reamo leboga

As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

Re-a-mo le-bo-ga, re-a-mo le-bo-ga, re-a-mo le-bo-ga mo-di-mo wa-ro-na.
 We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God, we give thanks to our God.

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Psalm 8:9

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Acclamation

Rakanaka Vhangeri

Shona: Zimbabwe

Leader
 1. Ra-ka-na-ka Vha-nge-ri. Ra-ka-na-ka Vha-nge-ri.

People
 1. Ra-ka-na-ka Ra-ka-na-ka

Nda ngu-ri nda-ku-u-dza ku-ti ra-ka-na-ka. Nda ngu-ri nda-ku-u-dza ku-ti ra-ka-na-ka.

The Gospel is good. Over and over I tell you it is good.

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 28.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Acclamation **Rakanaka Vhangeri**

♩ = 112
 Leader Shona: Zimbabwe

1. Ra - ka - na - ka Vha-nge - ri. Ra - ka - na - ka Vha-nge - ri.

People People

1. Ra - ka - na - ka Ra - ka - na - ka

Nda ngu-ri nda-ku - u-dza ku-ti ra-ka-na - ka. Nda ngu-ri nda-ku - u-dza ku-ti ra-ka-na - ka.

The Gospel is good. Over and over I tell you it is good.

Sermon Andy Willis

Hymn **Womb of life**

Ruth Duck Ronald Arnatt: USA

1. Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery rest-less heart, in your arms the worlds a -
 2. Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be -
 3. Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re -
 4. Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly Son; we would praise your name for

wak - ened; you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er round you, at the ta -
 side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life,
 mind us whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing of the new
 ev - er, one - in - three, and three - in - one. We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word

- ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing stor - ies, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 and Death of Death, Ris - en Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 world yet to be, free of ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 of world made new, ev - er sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The peace of Christ with you.

And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

Jesu, tawapano

Patrick Matsikenyeri: Zimbabwe

Je - su ta - wa - pa - no. Je - su ta - wa - pa - no.
Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;

Je - su ta - wa - pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are here; we are here for you.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray:

From day one, we have been blessed by the light of your love.

How majestic is your name.

From day two, you have embraced us under a sheltering sky.

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From day three, you have formed the earth as our home, with fruit for food,

You have been mindful of your creation.

From day four, you have shone like sun, moon and stars to show us the way of life,

You have cared for us.

From day five, you have commanded that all creation be fruitful and multiply.

You care for all that you have made.

From day six, you made us in your image.

You crowned each of us with honor and glory,

each of us,

without exception,

crowned,

honored,

glorified.

From day seven, you offered us the gift of rest.

*Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 You we serve. To you we give our thanks and praise,
 through Jesus Christ.
 Amen.*

Response

Mhepo iyapuki

Jackson Wahengo: Oshikwanyama: Namibia

Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.

Fye o - twe - ku pu - mbwa Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.

Holy Spirit come into us. We need you.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

Sending Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song

Siyahamba

Zulu

South Africa

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwe- nkhos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwe- nkhos'.
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwe- nkhos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwe- nkhos'.
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 nyen' kwe- nkhos'.

Oo
 Si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha nyen' kwe - nkhos'.
 We are march-ing, we are march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba ham-ba nyen' kwe- nkhos'.

Oo
 Si - ya ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha nyen' kwe - nkhos'.
 We are march-ing, we are march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba ham - ba

South African traditional music and English and Zulu text.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Thank you to those assisting with leadership in today's worship service:

Readers: Elaine Neuenfeldt, Julia Seibel

Prayers: George Arende

Singers: Rena Igarashi, Terry MacArthur, Koko Taylor, Andy Willis

Organist: Regine Kummer

Videography: Ray Woodcock

Flowers: Maryssa Mapanao-Camaddo

Birthdays Deborah Sitorus, Christina Buchhold, Monika Herder, Nathan Hamilton-Smith, Lucas Gorsleben Bazan, Kasia Derlicka-Rosenbauer, Ulysses Frodeman.

Anniversaries Felicia & Alex Calimodag; Regina & Gilles Sayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, 7 June: Online Annual Assembly at 13h00

Our annual assembly will be held online using Zoom this afternoon at 13h00. In addition to receiving the 2019 audit report and voting on new and returning members of our Congregation Council, we will also hear an update from the personnel committee regarding the search for a new music director. Members should plan to attend!

In order to keep the assembly secure, you must register to attend. If you haven't yet registered, please send an email to:

office@genevalutheran.ch

We will check this address at 12h30 and send the Zoom link to any last-minute registrations that arrive before that time.

Online Coffee Hour – Register Now

On two recent Sundays, members have gathered for an online coffee hour after worship. These gatherings have been a great opportunity to connect with one another, and we plan to continue over upcoming weeks.

In order to keep the space secure, we can't widely share a Zoom link. So the plan now is to create a list of people who would like to receive these Zoom links to upcoming online coffee hours.

- *If you have already joined one of these online coffee hours*, you don't need to do anything more; we will automatically add your email address to the list.
- *If you have not yet joined one of the online coffee hours and would like to be added to the list* for future Sundays, please send an email to office@genevalutheran.ch and we will gladly add you to the list.

Online Centering Prayer – Thursday and Friday at 12h00

Group Centering Prayer will be hosted by our church online via Zoom on Thursday and Friday this week at 12h00. The Zoom link to the group Centering Prayer is: <https://zoom.us/j/763491947>

Centering Prayer is silent prayer for around 20 minutes, often done in a group setting. No prior experience needed. More details about Centering Prayer here:

<https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-1>

Looking for Scripture Readers and Prayer Leaders

We are looking for people to read scripture and lead prayers in upcoming online Sunday worship services. These portions of the service are led from home and are normally filmed ahead of time. Might you be willing to help? Contact the church office: office@genevalutheran.ch

Assisting with Food Distribution - Fridays and Saturdays

On Saturdays, volunteers (including some members of our congregation) are handing out thousands of bags of food to local persons in need at the hockey arena in Vernets. Volunteers are needed for this ongoing work—both to pack bags on Fridays and distribute them on Saturdays. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Maritza Vitela: 076 445 07 15 / vitelahassinkmaritza@gmail.com

She is in contact with local organizations and will work to connect us with ways we can serve. It is also possible to support this work with a donation of food or money to La Caravane De Solidarité de Genève. Information on donating is [here](#).

Looking for Volunteers - Helping with Sunday Livestream

Since we discontinued in-person worship several weeks ago, Ray Woodcock has been working tirelessly to help us livestream our services, which are being joined by members and friends in many places. As we continue to worship from a distance, it would be a great help if an additional person or two were trained in how the livestream process and equipment works. Are you tech-savvy and available to learn? If so, please contact Ray: raycharles.woodcock@gmail.com

Your Giving Matters!

While the shape of our congregation's ministry has changed in many ways over the past months, here are two things that have remained constant: **your generosity** and **its importance**. Members and friends of the congregation have continued to support the congregation through online giving, and this support is enabling us to continue our ministry of worship, service, and sharing God's love at this crucial time. Keep it up! Please give as you are able this season. Details are on our website:

<https://genevalutheran.church/giving/>